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RESOLUTION-R2012-05
NELSON COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY
PRELIMINARY ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, Pursuant to §15.2-5431.25 (A) and (B) of the Virginia Wireless Service Authority Act, the Nelson County Broadband Authority may fix and revise rates, fees and other charges after a public hearing at which all of the users of such facilities; the owners, tenants or occupants of property served or to be served thereby; and all others interested have had an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed rates, fees and charges; and

WHEREAS, after the adoption by the authority of a resolution setting forth the preliminary schedule or schedules fixing and classifying such rates, fees and charges, notice of a public hearing, setting forth the proposed schedule or schedules of rates, fees and charges, shall be given by two publications, at least six days apart, in a newspaper having a general circulation in the area to be served by such systems at least 60 days before the date fixed in such notice for the hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Nelson County Broadband Authority that the preliminary schedule fixing and classifying proposed rates, fees, and charges is as follows:

Local Access Rates (Rates for Providers to Utilize the Network for Transport to an End User):

Circuit Size	Monthly Cost
0-10 mbps	\$270
>10-25	\$300
>25-50	\$340
>50-100	\$500
>100-250	\$718
>250-500	\$920
>500-1000	\$1040
>1000 mbps	Priced Individually
Point to Point Connections on Network priced at 160% of Local Access Rates (e.g. between two facilities on our network as between Tye River Elementary and the High School would be 160% of the rate between the High School and the central office).	

Non-recurring charges (NRC) are those costs incurred in connection with the installation of the fiber drop and ONT. The customer will be responsible for the payment of these cost on the following terms.

NRC not exceeding \$1500 will be discounted as follows:

<u>Term of Contract</u>	<u>Discount</u>
12 months	none
24 months	10%
36 months	20%
48 months	35%
60 or more months	50%

The undiscounted balance of NRC together with any NRC in excess of \$1500 may be amortized over the term of the original contract.

Colocation Charges for Providers within NCBA shelters:

Quantity	Monthly Cost
2 RU	\$75.
One-half rack	\$200.
Full Rack	\$350.

All rentals are based on a space available basis. Rental will include access to one 20 amp, 120 volt circuit. The NCBA will in some cases have both-48 volt service, battery backup and generator backup available, access to which will be priced on the basis of customer requirements.

Tower Access:

Location on Tower	Price per Month per Customer
Top thirty feet in 10 foot sections	\$275 per antenna for first three antennas (includes cables and ancillary equipment such as tower mounted amplifiers) \$150 per additional antenna installed by the same lessee.
Next thirty feet in 10 foot sections	\$175 per antenna for first three antennas (includes cables and ancillary equipment such as tower mounted amplifiers) \$90 per additional antenna installed by the same lessee.
Remaining access in 10 foot sections	\$50 per antenna (includes cables and ancillary equipment such as tower mounted amplifiers)

All tower access charges are in addition to a site access fee of \$200 per month. Site access fee entitles lessee access to electric power (contracted for by lessee) and ground space for cabinet (10 square feet). Shelter colocation charges and local transport charges are additional as are lease space for placing shelters, generators or other equipment. Items not specifically addressed will be priced on an individual basis.

Preference will be given to providers wishing space higher on the towers. The NCBA may limit the size of antennas or duration of leases for antennas located below the top 60 feet.

Tower leases will be accepted based on maximum allowable loading of a tower. If, in the sole discretion of the NCBA, an analysis of the structural integrity of the tower is deemed necessary, then the costs of the analysis will be borne by the lessee.

Dark Fiber Leases:

The NCBA will have a limited number of fibers available for dark fiber leasing at a rate of \$1250 per leased fiber per mile for durations longer than 60 months. Leases for 60 months or less will be priced at \$1550 per month. Fiber will not be leased for periods of less than 24 months. These leases will be subject to prior allocation for other uses and are made at the discretion of the NCBA board.

Increase in Rates:

Rates are firm for a contract or lease term which does not exceed five years.

For contract and lease terms exceeding five years, payments shall be adjusted every year commencing with the first annual anniversary of the lease Commencement Date and thereafter on the subsequent anniversaries of that date (the Adjustment Date). Such adjustments shall be for the purpose of reflecting the increase, if any, in the cost of living. The adjustment, if any, shall be calculated based upon the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the South, Size D-Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) (the "Index").

The Index published as of the most recent month prior to the Adjustment Date shall be compared with the Index twelve (12) months immediately preceding. On the Adjustment Date the annual payment shall be increased by the percentage equal to the change, if any, in the Index between the two specified months. The Adjusted payment shall then become the new Base payment for the following twelve month period and be used to calculate the next annual payment adjustment.

Penalty and Interest:

Any sum due NCBA and unpaid by the due date shall be assessed a 10% penalty and carry interest at the rate of 12% *per annum*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Nelson County Broadband Authority does hereby authorize a public hearing to be held on the proposed schedule of rates, fees, and

charges as soon as is practicable as prescribed by §15.2-5431.25 (B) of the Virginia Wireless Service Authority Act.

Approved: April 26, 2012

Attest:  Secretary
Nelson County Broadband Authority